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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. For the Examiner's review and convenience, patents are listed in reverse chronological order.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a), a list of one hundred and fourteen (114) references (AA-EJ) is submitted on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant." Copies of these references are enclosed herewith.

The citation of the listed references is not to be construed as an admission that such references are necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited references represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.104(a) and 1.106(b).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the cited references and make them of record in the file history of the present application. Return of an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, indicating the Examiner's consideration of the references listed thereon, is respectfully requested.

Since this disclosure is being made before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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